

Record of Communication
04/11/88 - 10:30 A.M.

Re: Houston Gas Light Co.
TXD981918188

From: Ms. Patricia Curl (TWC)
To: David Gonzalez (6H-ES)

I called Patricia Curl to find out more information on suspected contamination at the Houston Gas Light Co. site located near downtown Houston. Ms. Curl told me that she had a meeting with William Tobin of McBride, Ratliff, and Assoc. Inc. Evidently, this consulting firm is representing an undisclosed client who is interested in purchasing the property across the street from the site for construction of an office building. As part of an environmental audit of the property, McBride, Ratliff & Assoc. performed approximately 10 soil borings of varying depths on the property. The analysis of the borings indicated that the property was definitely contaminated with the constituents of coal tar. The waste was characterized by high polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), naphthalenes, acenaphthalene, and high VOA's in a "headspace" analysis. This firm had come across a very well defined "waste layer" in their borings. To protect the confidentiality of their client, the McBride, Ratliff, and Assoc. is unable to release the data at the present and they were primarily interested in potential liability of clean-up at this site.

Due to this new information, Ms. Curl felt that a site inspection was necessary, and I agreed.

Action Taken:

- (1) Write Tentative Disposition to re-open the file.

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